



HEALING, HONORING, & CELEBRATING ~ FAMILIES ~



August 21 - 23, 2000

PURPOSE & GOAL

This conference will be a traditional tribal gathering for all people who work for Indian Child Welfare. This includes social workers, program managers, foster care providers, natural families, relatives, tribal staff and members, Guardian Ad Litem, and families. The purpose of this conference is to :

- be a healing gathering.
- bring *all* people working with Indian Child Welfare together in a cooperative atmosphere to heal, honor, and celebrate families.
- honor our precious children and families, and all who support them.
- honor and lift up teen youth in care through a special youth program designed specifically for their needs.
- provide an opportunity for sharing the strength of some of this ancient wisdom.
- provide Sweat Lodge ceremonies and traditional healing for those who want to participate.

Most importantly, there will be lots of good fun, feasting, and sharing.

PRESENTATIONS & ACTIVITIES:

This conference will include presentations by elders and traditional tribal leaders, honoring ceremonies, stories, and song. Some of the presentations and activities are listed below.

Presentations:

- Yakama Nation Grandmothers speaking of traditional family values in Yakama language, interpreted by daughters
- Anna Lattimer-Hansen presenting working together for our families
- Pauline Hillaire speaking on Traditional Family Values
- Marilyn Wandrey presenting the practice of traditional intervention in a family's life and the importance of maintaining family/tribal contacts
- Connie McCloud speaking about the importance of and resources for the natural family
- A presentation on Domestic Violence in the Native American Community/Family; healing the family
- Carolyn Hartness presenting FAS/FARC; impact on the Native American community
- Sharlene Yellowwolf speaking on Traditional Family Values
- Carol Locust presenting Reclaiming our Heritage
- A presentation on Family Group Conferencing and Traditional Family Values
- Youth Program Presentation

Activities:

- Two dinners to honor families, foster parents, and ICW workers.
- An honoring story and teachings by Vi Hilbert
- Two nights of traditional Epic Dance Stories shared by Johnny Moses followed by drumming, dancing, singing, and sharing presented by Yakama Nation
- A specially designed youth program

REGISTRATION & FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility/Location: Yakama Tribal School - Stanley Smartlowit Education Center ♦ 601 Linded Rd ♦ Toppenish

***Registration Deadline:* August 1, 2000**

Registration for Children's Administration employees will be conducted through the regional training coordinators. Registration for all others will be conducted through the Children's Administration Headquarters office. If you have a youth to refer to the youth program contact Gordie Shears at 360-475-3662.

***For additional information or questions regarding the conference, please call 1-877-601-2829.**

Lodging Available

The following are a list of hotels in the area. Each person is responsible for the cost of lodging and making his or her own room reservations.

TOPPENISH

El Corral Motel
Hwy 97 509-865-2365

Ox Bow Motor Inn
511 S Elm St 509-865-5800

Toppenish Inn Motel
515 S Elm St 509-865-7444

YAKIMA

Cavanaugh's Gateway Hotel
9 North 9th Street 1-800-325-4000

Cavanaugh's @ Center Downtown
607 East Avenue 1-800-325-4000

Oxford Inn (formerly Rio Mirada)
1603 Terrace Heights Drive
1-800-325-4000

Oxford Suites
1701 Terrace Heights Drive
1-800-404-7848

DoubleTree Hotel Valley (formerly
Red Lion Inn)
1507 North 1st Street
509-248-7850

Best Western Peppertree Inn
614 North 1st Street
509-453-8898

Quality Inn
12 East Valley Mall Boulevard
1-800-510-5670

Super 8 Motels
2605 Rudkin Road 1-800-800-8000

ZILLAH

Comfort Inn
911 Vintage Valley Pkwy
1-800-501-5433

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Yakama Indian Nation RV Park (Tepees,
Tents, & RV's)
280 Buster Rd 509-865-2000

Conference Registration
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Name _____ Title _____

Organization / Tribe _____ # Planning to attend _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Special Needs (please list) _____